REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 3 amd 20 - 42 are pending in application and are subject to a restriction requirement.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants elect Group II (claims 20-35 and 39-42, drawn to method of determining isoelectric point). This election is made with traverse, as Applicants believe the subject matter of the elected claims and the unelected claims can be effectively and efficiently examined in this application.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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